

REV. DR. A. E. P. ALBERT, editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, of New Orleans, La., very prominently mentioned for bishopric honors in the M. E. Church, is a finely educated and cultured gentleman; nevertheless, had it not been for the pleading of a white conductor on a Texas railroad he would have been arrested, thrown in jail and fined for riding in a sleeper while en route home last week. Texas has a "Jim Crow" car law, and although an Afro-American pays for his seat and berth in a sleeper in another state, when Texas or any other "Jim Crow" car southern state is entered, he is compelled to leave it or suffer the penalty. Of course, he is an inter-state traveler, and we have an inter-state commerce commission, appointed by the president, who ought to secure to every American citizen, regardless of race or color, the treatment and privileges any alien, except those having a drop or more of Negro blood coursing in their veins, can secure. Really, such treatment is enough to cause our people to curse the government they help to protect and save from the destruction many of these same prejudiced southern white scalawags fought four long years trying to bring to it. Think of it! The loyal Afro-American who fought at Fort Wagner, and all through the war of the rebellion, can not enjoy the rights the lowest and meanest white brute or alien in all the south is willingly granted in that section. Still they sing and prate about this being "the home of the free and the brave." MOCKERY!